



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Precipitation was below average for most of Colorado last week. Soil moisture remains low throughout the state. Temperatures across the State were slightly above-average for this time of year. These conditions allowed farmers 5.8 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	16	41	42	1
Last Week	15	43	42	0
Last Year	1	10	77	12

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	18	40	41	1
Last Week	18	38	42	2
Last Year	3	19	73	5

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat was 81 percent jointed and 14 percent headed this week with the crop rated in mostly poor to fair condition. Spring barley was 94 percent seeded and 64 percent emerged by week's end and the crop is in mostly fair to good condition. Spring wheat was 68 percent planted, 34 percent emerged, and in mostly fair condition.

**Row Crops:** The 2008 corn crop was 55 percent planted and 12 percent emerged last week. Dry onions were 93 percent planted with the crop in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 46 percent planted and 4 percent emerged. Sugarbeets were 76 percent planted and 8 percent up to stand by week's end. Farmers had 5 percent of the sunflowers planted.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 11, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	14	25	33	22	6
Last Year	2	4	17	50	27
Spring Barley					
This Week	2	5	29	44	20
Last Year	2	6	22	38	32
Spring Wheat					
This Week	5	15	40	25	15
Last Year	2	6	27	41	24

**Pasture, Range, and Hay:** Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated mostly fair to poor last week. However, the alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with 4 percent of the first cutting complete.

**Livestock:** Ninety-six percent of cows have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> and 96 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were both rated at average. Stored feed supplies are slightly below average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 11, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	9	30	40	20	1
Prev. Year – 2007	1	4	35	50	10
5-Year Avg.	11	22	37	26	4

## Spring 2008 Calving and Lambing

	2008	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	96	94
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	96	95

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 11, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Jointed	81	71	88	84
Headed	14	9	18	19
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	94	89	96	93
Emerged	64	43	72	61
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Planted	68	56	79	78
Emerged	34	25	47	41
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	55	38	56	50
Emerged	12	3	13	11
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	93	88	99	98
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	46	38	59	59
Emerged	4	0	9	19
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	76	68	94	91
Up to Stand	8	0	25	31
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	7	1	13	12
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	5	0	6	2
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting	4	0	6	2

## COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Spring Barley</b>	2	5	29	44	20
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	14	25	33	22	6
<b>Spring Wheat</b>	5	15	40	25	15
<b>Alfalfa</b>	1	6	32	47	14
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	4	15	60	21
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	1	44	54	1
<b>Livestock</b>	0	6	30	53	11

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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